

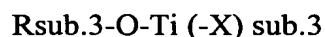
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 6 as follows:

1. (Original) An aldehyde resin binder for a fiber reinforced antifouling paint comprising
a) 2 to 20 parts per 100 parts of aldehyde resin of an aluminium di-secalkoxide acetoacetic ester chelate (Component A) represented by the following formula (I) :



wherein $\text{R}_{\text{sup.1}}$ represents a sec.-alkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms, or a cycloalkyl group; and $\text{R}_{\text{sup.2}}$ represents an alkyl group having 1 to 10 carbon atoms, or a cycloalkyl group; b) 0,5 to 8 parts per 100 parts of aldehyde resin of a monoalkoxy organotitanate-IV (Component B) represented by the following formula (II):



wherein $\text{R}_{\text{sub.3}}$ is a monovalent organic group having from 2 to 30 carbon atoms or a substituted derivative thereof; X in the above formulae independently represents an acylate group, a sulfonic acid residue, a phosphoric acid residue or a pyrophosphoric ester residue, or a mixture thereof.

2. (Original) The paint or paint base of claim 1 wherein the total amount of said fiber-reinforced aldehyde resin plus said additive Component A is between about 15% and about 45% based upon the total weight of the paint or paint base composition.
3. (Original) The paint or paint base of claim 1 wherein the total amount of said fiber-reinforced aldehyde resin plus said additive Component B is between about 15% and about 45% based upon the total weight of the paint or paint base composition.
4. (Original) A process for providing a high-build marine antifouling paint or paint base characterized by a fiber-reinforced aldehyde resin as binder and containing metalliferous pigments which are sparingly soluble in seawater which comprises the steps of :
(a) adding said Aluminium di-sec-alkoxide acetoacetic ester chelate (Component A) and thereafter

(b) adding said monoalkoxy organo-titanate-IV (Component B-as defined in Claim 1) to said aldehyde resin to provide a paint or paint base, said additive Component A being present in an amount of between about 0,4% and about 4%, and said additive Component B-as defined in claim 1-being present in an amount of between about 0,2% and about 2%, the total amount of said Additive Component A and Additive Component B being between about 0,5% and about 5% based upon the total weight of the paint or paint base.

5. (Original) The process of claim 4 wherein steps (a) and (b) are carried out simultaneously.
6. (Currently Amended) An antifouling coating composition comprising a binder containing metalliferous pigments which are sparingly soluble in seawater formed by a process which comprises the steps of adding said aluminium di-sec-alkoxide acetoacetic ester chelate (Component A) and thereafter adding said monoalkoxy organo-titanate-IV (Component B-as defined in Claim 1) to said aldehyde resin to provide a paint or paint base, said additive Component A being present in an amount of between about 0,4% and about 4%, and said additive Component B-as defined in claim 1-being present in an amount of between about 0,2% and about 2%, the total amount of said Additive Component A and Additive Component B being between about 0,5% and about 5% based upon the total weight of the paint or paint base ~~prepared according to claim 4~~ and, one or more auxiliary additive selected from the group consisting of pigments, antissettling agents, plasticizers, solvents, biocides, fibers, stabilizers and film consumption regulators.